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Plans are underway for the renovation of the main entrance kiosk and the rehabilitation of the pedestrian trail at Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge, eight miles northwest of Sequim, Washington. Work will begin on February 2nd and is expected to be finished by the end of March. A new covered kiosk structure will be built with educational signage and an expanded trailhead area. Portions of the pedestrian trail are slated to be resurfaced and re-graded to prevent erosion and increase longevity. During this time hikers will be rerouted to the equestrian trail in order to access the spit and horses will temporarily be prohibited from using the trail within the Refuge. This will not affect the usage of the equestrian trail on the adjacent Dungeness County Recreation Area. We apologize for the interim inconvenience and look forward to the spring when a new kiosk and trail will provide better service to our visitors.

The **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service** is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts.

The mission of the **National Wildlife Refuge System** is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations.
